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LETTERS OF WILLIAM BYRD, FIRST.

(From his letter book in the Collection of the Virginia Historical Society.)

TO FRANCIS LEE (1).

Virg'a. March y^e 5th 1688.

S^r

Haveing rec^d a Comand from my L^d Effingham to procure some stones & Seeds pr M^r Methwold & to send them to you I have put what I could procure in a Small Barrell & Sent them herewith. I was allso glad of this opportunity to retorne you my hearty thanks for y^e many favo^rs I rec^d from you dureing my abode at London. I know you will by this fleet receive advice from all parts therefore shall not trouble you wth our Country affairs.

Onely desire you to present my Service to all friends, yo^r good Lady & little ones assureing you I am on all Occasions

S^r

Yo^r Oblig^d fr^d & Serv^t

W B

To M^r fra: Lee

TO PERRY & LANE

Virga, March y^e 6th 1688

Gent

This onely accompanys Cap^t Morgan & Serves to Cover the inclosed bill of Lading for 197 H^{ds} Tob'o & one of fures

(1) Frances Lee, 3d son of Col. Richard Lee, the emigrant to Virginia, lived for a time in Northumberland County, Va., where he was a Justice in 1673. Later he was long a merchant in London, being first described as of "Buttolfe Lane", and later of St. Dionis, Backchurch. He died in 1714. See Lee's "Lee of Virginia" 71, 72.

the Invoice of neither I cannot Send you being just now come from my L^d & Cap^t Morgan Staying for my letters, if hee Looses a days time itt may occasion his Stay 2 moneths, therefore beg pardon for this hasty letter.

My Service to all frds & blessing to y^e Childⁿ I wish you all happinesse

I am

Gen^t

Yo^r Humble Serv^t

To Mess^{rs} Perry & Lane p Morgan

W B

TO LORD EFFINGHAM

ffrom y^e falls of James River March y^e 5th 1688.
May it pleas yo^r Excelncy

This is chiefly to beg your pardon for not waiting on yo^r L^d ship att Kiquotan; w^{ch} was my earnest desire to have kiss^d your L^dships hands again before your departure, but was prevented by indeavouring to dispatch Morgan & Ruddes, both w^{ch} I hope will bee ready by Monday next to attend your Exclncy The Barrel of Nuts &c for m^r Methwold was unhappily left behind & had miscarryed, had not I accidentally heard of itt, I have now put itt on board Morgan who is Ordered to deliver itt to m^r Lee

I most humbly beg the favour of your L^dships Countenance in England if there should bee any dispute by m^r Ayleway or any other about my place (2): that as I obtained itt by your Exclncy's Assistance, So I hope your L^dship will protect mee in itt, as by the former I am ever oblided to Serve your Exlncy so by the Latter I may bec the better enabled to doe itt, w^{ch} shall ever bee my utmost indeavo^r

Pray God Send your L^dship health, a pleasant & prosperous Voyage, that you find all things to your Exclncys desire, &

(2) Byrd's "place" was that of Auditor and Receiver General, which he held 1668-1704. He was subordinate to a sinecure office-holder in England.

I have the happinesse to See your L^hships Safe returne hither
in due time, is the hearty prayer of

My L^d

Yo^r Exlncy's most Obedient & humbly devoted Serv^t
To my L^d Effingham W B'

1 to ffather Horsmonden	} all of this date not copyed
1 to Bro Dan'll	
1 to Bro: Rand	
1 to Ditto Sister	

TO MR. BASSANO


Virg'a March y^r 6th 1688

Sr

This Serves onely to cover the 2^d bill of Ex^{ed} of m^r Brains
y^e 1st sent ~~to~~ Bradly, who found a Stop in the Country Longer
then wee expected but I hope itt will bee no prejudice, & that
you will not take itt ill that I tooke not the utmost Severity
against m^r Brain for y^t you must have Staid till after Ap'll
Court before I could have had the Bills so that I thought itt
better to abate him 12l 6^s & take them at so long a time then
to have gone a more expensive way If itt proves to your
Likeing I have my desire w^h was to serve my friend: Wee
spent your token chearfully & wth great Moderation though the
[wine?] proved very indifferent wee have made our usuall
returne by Cap^t Jn'o Ruddes & I wish you all merry wth itt, &
that the times may answer. My humble Service to all our
friends wishing you all health & happiness I am

S^r




Yo^r frd to Serve you
W B

Remember mee to m^r Harpur & tell him I designe to give him
Some Acco^t of his businesse about the Latter end of Aprill,
or the beginning of May, by w^{ch} time I hope to see what may
bee done in itt. I returne you many thanks for y^e large
bottle of Clarett you were pleased to send mee
To m^r Bassano  Ruddes

TO MR. NORTH

Virg'a March y^e 6th 1688.

S^r

My Last to you was  Bradly who is not yet gone out of the
Country, I hope this  Ruddes may oretake him, you will
herewith receive ab^t 150 H^{ds} Tob'o w:^h I hope may prove well
I dare not venture to Shipp my skins & ffurres till I hear farther
Wee are much in the darke not haveing rec^d one word from
you since the 8th of Fb^r, though Tom Bray (3) tells mee hee
hath Some of Xb^r date from you. Wee had Some Words
wth Bradly about ffraight hee pretending hee cannot get money
at £6  Tun, talks as if wee were oblided to give mony out
of our pockets to maintain other folkes, though by his owne
discourse wee are ill able to owe itt, every man being (as hee
saith) abundantly in debt; & as hee pretends you doe nothing
without his advice, & that hee gives directions for all thats
bought, Indeed I have no reason to thanke him for his ad-
viceing you to buy Such Chests for y^e Wine as you did, for they
are not worth one farthing here, & I think I can Sell Sawed
Boards Somewhat cheaper then to bring them out of England

Good Chests wth Hinges Locks & Keys well Corded are
as Strong & will fetch Something again here, to contain ab^t
8010 doz [?] bottles are best that H^{ds} Claret I had home is
not near so good as y^t Clarett you Sent Cap^t Randolph, whats

(3) Col. Thomas Bray, of New Kent County. His wife Sarah founded
a scholarship at William and Mary College. The register of St. Peters,
New Kent, contains the entry "Madame Sarah Bray departed this life
October 18, 1716."

att Towne is not yet open'd If Bradly cannot Sail at £6 tun as hee hath oblidge himselfe wee are willing to Sell our parts, or else freight So-much as our parts come to if if the rest of y^e owners will doe the like, otherwise wee doe not thinke ourselves oblidge more than they. When Bradly arrived hee perswaded mee to promise him to Ship more y^a part, whatever hee wanted, & when I had the Tob'o ready hee would not take itt in, but tooke in Dicke Cockes (4), & I know not who's. Since hee can freight the Ship So well wth his friends, wee desire they would take of our parts.

Most of this relateing to Bradly hath (as justly it might) given distaste to severall of your friends here, & I did promise them to give you an Acco^t hereof, for though men may bee Somewhat behind hand yet they doe not desire Such as Bradly wth a Supercilious magisteriall gravity, to throw out hints & short Sentences to blast their reputations. In my last I acquainted you wth y^e mistake ab^t y^e Haberdashery & Swords, y^e 1st is twice charged & the other not att all;

I have lately been at Rapahannocke, to take Leave of my L^d Effingham So have not been att Appomattocke Store this moneth, but I thinke there is a troopers Saddle more then whats charged in yo^r Invoice, I hope m^r Webbes (5) money is pd & then if Tob'o would yield anything I might have Some mony in your hands, though yet dare not venture to Send

(4) Richard Cocke of "Bremo," Henrico County, born 1639, died 1706. See this Magazine III, 410.

(5) In previous letters of William Byrd (XXV, 262) were references to the affairs of Giles Webb, a young Englishman recently settled in Henrico County, whose brother, Thomas Webb in England had consulted Byrd about arranging his affairs. Giles Webb was son of John and Jane Webb, and, according to a deposition in 1690, was born about 1662. In a deed by him, dated Henrico Co., 1689, he is styled "Giles Webb, of Varina parish, gentleran". In 1693 he was paid by the County for his services as a Lieutenant commanding rangers in service protecting the frontiers, later he was Captain of Militia and in 1699 was appointed one of the Justices in the County. In 1685 Byrd stated that Webb was wooing one of Col. Thos. Swann's daughters. He was unsuccessful at the time; but if this was the daughter, Sarah Swann, who married Henry Randolph in 1687, Giles Webb was more fortunate with the widow, for after Randolph's death in 1693, Giles Webb (stated in the Randolph record to have been then 35 years old) married Sarah Swann his widow. He died without issue, in 1713. In 1716 there was recorded in Henrico a power of Attorney from Thomas Webb of the City of Gloucester, gent; his brother and heir.

for any Goods, till I hear farther, Wee spent your token chearfully att my Neighbour Randolphe (6) the wine was but indifferent, but we made a shift wth it. Wee have returned ours by Coz^a Jn^o Ruddes; you must charge mee £3 for my Selfe Hugh Davis & Peter ffieild, w^{ch} I must allow towards itt.

What Tob^o is on board this Ship is from James River, Bradlys is from Appotomatox they are Severall receivers I would have yo^r Opinion of y^e difference. I know not what certainly is on board am to meet Jno Ruddes too morrow at Capt Randolphe to receive bills of Ladeing.

I dranke your health y^e other day wth Dick Johnson (7) (who hath got y^e Gov) & Tom Bray, pray give my Service to all our friends especially your good Lady, & accept y^e Same from

S^r

Yo^r reall frd & Serv^t
W B

To m^r North & Ruddes

TO PERRY & LANE

March y^e 7th 1688

Gen^t

This is onely to accompany Cap^t Ruddes who designes (if possible) to get out wth this fleet, & to acquaint you that I wrote at Large two days Since p Morgan p whom I sent you 197 H^d Tob^o & one of fures. The Tob^o came all out of Appomatox & Ben Halls is all James River, & Severall Receivers, therefore I desire yo^r opinion of itt by Cap^t Morgan I sent you a considerable pcell of 2^d bills of Ex^{ch} most of y^e 1st by my L^d Effingham to whom I have charged a bill on you for £607 4s w^{ch} I hope you will readily pay, its at 40 day's Sight,

(6) William Randolph, of "Turkey Island."


(7) Col. Richard Johnson of New Kent, afterwards of King and Queen, member of the Council from 1696 to his death in 1689. It is not known what is meant by "Got the Gov." unless it was in regard to some application made by Johnson to the Governor. For the Johnsons see genealogy now running in this Magazine, which began in the July 1917 number.

& those Sent you none exceed 30. By the next fleet w^{ch} will
bee y^e begining of May you shall hear more at Large, in the
interim wth best respects & Service to all friends, & blessing
to y^e Child'n I remain

Gen^t

Yo^r Humble Serv^t
W B

Inclosed is a 2^d bill of m^r Secretarys for
£20 on m^r Starke, I have allso Sent you
40 H^ds Tob'o p Langly Cap^t Perry prom-
ised to take my bills of Ladeing

Inclosed is m^r Blairs 1st bill of Ex^{ed}
on m^r North for £20 St'g
To Mess^{rs} Perry & Lane  Ruddes

TO ELIAKIM HUTCHISON, BOSTON

Virg'a May y^e 29th 1689

S^r

By y^e advice of my frd Cap^t Pet. Perry I made bold to give
you the trouble of a letter of y^e 1st instant, wth two Small
bills of Ex^{ed} w^{ch} I desired you to receive, & returne the effects
to mee in y^e upper part of James River either in Rum, Sug^r
Madera Wine, Turnery, Earthen Ware, or any thing else you
may judge convenient for this Country (fish excepted) & if
you have no convenience to returne it hither, please to remit
it to Mess^{rs} Perry & Lane merchants in London for my Acco^t
this is only to inclose y^e 2^d bills, & beg your pardon for this
trouble, & if in anything I may bee Serviceable to you here,
freely comand

S^r

Yo^{rs} to Serve you

To m^r Eliakim Hutchinson merch^t in Boston
New England

W B

Bills Sent

W'm Burroughs on himself for
Jos. Phaxter on Ad^m Wentup

£4: 15: 9

7: 13: 6

12: 09: 3

TO JONATHAN WALKE (8) BRIDGTOWN, BARBADOES

Virginia May y^e 29th 1689S^r

Tho I am alltogether a Stranger to you, yet by the advice & encouragem^t of your Brother m^r Tho. Walke, I have given you the trouble of the inclosed bills of Exchange wth I desire you would receive for mee & please to Send mee the effects ab^t $\frac{1}{2}$ in Rum & $\frac{1}{2}$ Sug^r I doe expect there will be at Barbados ab^t y^e latter end of July from London a Small ship called the friendship Jn'o Wynne if hee comes I have desired him to call on you & wish that what you send mee may bee by him, I being concerned in y^e Vessell doe thereby Save 3^d p Gal^{'a} duty of y^e Rum here; but if Wynne should not arrive by the latter End of August, I desire you would Send the effects by any Vessel bound for y^e upper parts of James River, whither I desire you to direct your letters for

Yo^r friend & Serv^t

To m^r Jonathan Walke m^{'ch}^t
in Bridge Towne

W B

Barbados

Bills Sent

Jn'o Sandford on Tho Duboy for	12: 05: 06
Tho. Cox on Ben ^a Bullard for	20: 14: 00
Tho. Hodgeson Col'o Jn'o Johnson	06: 14: 00
	<hr/> 39: 13: 06

TO JOHN THOMAS & CO. BARBADOES

Virg'a May y^e 29th 1689Gen^t

Since my last to you I have rec^d advice from Mess^{rs} Perry &

(8) Thomas Walke came from Barbadoes to Virginia in 1662 and settled in lower Norfolk County. He married, in 1689, Mary, daughter of Lieut. Col. Anthony Lawson, and had issue Anthony, Thomas, and Mary. The will of Thomas Walke, the emigrant, was dated Jan. 15, 1693-4, and proved in the same year. See this Magazine V, 89, 139 (where his will is printed); *William and Mary Quarterly* II, 75, 76, and a genealogy in the *Richmond Standard*.

Lane of y^e payments of those bills Cap^t Wynne drew on my Acco^t as I doubt not you have ere this, m^r Pet^r Perry lately Shewed mee a letter & acco^t fro^m you of y^e Sale of y^e Wines, w^{ch} is Somewhat better then wee could expect, considering what y^e last come too I expect Cap^t Wynne may bee wth you about y^e latter End of July, by whom I desire you to Send mee the Ball: of y^e Acco^t due to mee $\frac{1}{2}$ in Rum & $\frac{1}{2}$ Sugar for Melasses you sufficiently cloyed mee last year, I can buy itt cheaper deliver'd att my Landing here then I am charged

I have left my concerns wholly to Mess^{rs} Perry & Lane to act as they see convenient by bills or ps $\frac{1}{2}$ if Wynne comes about, but if he doth not arrive wth you by the latter end of August, I desire you to Shipp my Goods in any other Vessel bound for y^e upper parts of James River; not else but wth due respects take Leave

Gen^t

Yo^r Humble Serv^t

W B

To Jn^o Thomas Esq^r
& Comp^a
In Barbados

TO PERRY & LANE

Virg^a June the 10th 1689

Gen^t

Yo^{rs} by Burrell I lately rec^d wth the Acco^t of y^e Sale of Wyn I wish Brome may doe as well. I am very confident you will find much very bad Tob^o for to gett ab^t 80 or 90 H^{ds} I have been forced to looke over near 400 and I fear Some of this not extraordinary, abundance of Tob^o rotten of w^{ch} I belive m^r Paggen hath a Large share. When I found Tob^o So bad, I was Sorry I had So far ingaged wth Tanner, by whom I have Sent 103 or 104 H^{ds} Tob^o & 5 of Skins, w^{ch} God Send Safe to Hand, Cap^t Perry hath promised to take Bills of Lading, & inclose one to you. I have Sent 6 H^{ds} skins on board Rider, who I suppose will Saile about the Auditt by whom shall write att Large.

You desire my advice how to proceed in relation to my Audito^{rs} place. I have by Severall desired you to attend m^r Blathwait or m^r Povey who can give you a full Acco^t of affairs, for I find m^r Blathwait keeps his Station as Cleark of y^e Councell & whilst hee Stands, m^r Povey (I suppose) will bee Safe. There will bee no money expected, except m^r Povey hath been or may bee at any charge, to renew my Warrant, or by any other Method to Serve mee farther. I have promised him £20 p an^m for doeing my business, to bee pd as Long as wee keep our respective Stations, therefore I would desire you to see him Sometimes, who will fully informe you all things, ffor Crops can say little many people want plants, by the next shall be much better able to Judge. Immediately after my Last to you I charged a bill on you payable to Will. Edwards, for £30, w^{ch} I hope you have allowed him.

I have now charged on you £80, 10s payable to Theo. & Rich^d Blande w^{ch} I desire you to pay & charge to my pticular Acco^t.

I would desire you (if not too late) to order $\frac{3}{4}$ of y^e plains I Sent for to bee blew, & y^t you Sentt mee ab^t 200 yds more (of ye Same colour) then is mentioned in my former Invoice.

I also desire you to Send mee a gros of plain belts, (Such as commonly are sent wth Catuse boxes) for Indians

I desire by y^r first conveniency you would send mee a Scre-tore (Such as y^t I had of Garret) I would have itt Left att Ganlers att Toune itt being for my Chamber there. Let him remember Inke Glasses for I had none wth the Last.

If french Linnens continue So dear I desire you would Send mee Something in lieu of them, I have Sent by Tanner an old Silver hilted Sword w^{ch} I desire you to change & Send mee another Small Silver hilted Rapier for itt.

I thinke by Rider to Send you y^e 2^d bills of Ex^{cd} y^e 1st whereof Sent you by Zachary Tailor & then shall have more considerably to Send.

Please to give my blessing to the Child'n my Service to all where due & accept y^e Same to your selves & good Lady's I am

Gen^t

Yo^r Humble Serv^t

W B

To P. L. [monogram] p Tanner

To _____

S^rVirg'a June y^e 10th 1689

This is only to acquaint you wth y^e rec^t of yours p Burrell. & to thanke for y^e booke you Sent mee, Jack Kent should have Sent another packet if hee had a mind to have had y^e ship Laden at this time of y^e year, but I fear hee will Lye in the Country, otherwise designe to Send you Some skins &c^d by him;

There is a great deal of Tob'o left, never so much rotten as is at this time that ever I Saw, & I fear most concerned will find itt Sufficiently bad, M^r Paggens people have ab^t 1000 H^d^s by them & expect a ship, if shee comes I may Send Some fures by her.

If ffrench commoditys continue So dear I would not have any there is other Linens w^{ch} must Serve; and if Clarett is not to bee had, wee must bee content with Port or Borabar shall leave it to you, but desire you to Send mee a H^d^e of Claret Wine more in bottles to be put on Shore at m^r Gawlers at James Towne

I have not yet Sent for wine (9) for y^e Councell, I intend to let it alone till 10th July & then if they will forgive Ned Shrawley I will trouble you again though they ordered mee to Send to m^r Corbin, I should bee glad to Serve m^{rs} Web, but have not Seen Giles Since, neither can I take his receipt in full, not knowing it So to bee, & Giles Saith hee never Saw a Copy of his fathers will, though Sent for but I will take his receipt for £100 over & above y^e £200, w^{ch} will doe as well, Since hee cam claim no more unless it bee his due.

Pray Give my humble Service to all where due & please to Accept the Same to your Selfe & Good Lady I am

S^rYo^r Humble Serv^t

By my last I sent m^r Bannisters onely
note on you for £17 od mony or w^t
more you had rec^d in his Acco^t w^{ch}
I hope yo'l give mee Credit for.

I have by Tanner Sent my Long
Periwig w^{ch} I desire you to gett made
into a Campagne One & Send mee.

Yo^{rs}

W B

(9) This would make it appear that wine was provided for the use of members of the Council during their attendance at Jamestown, at public expense.

TO LORD EFFINGHAM

Virginia June y^e 10th 1689My L^d

I wrote to your Exlncy from y^e Gen'll Court, wherein I indeavored to give your L^dship the best Acco^t I could how affairs then Stood. Since w^{ch} I know nothing that hath passed downe in y^e Country, my Habitation being So remote. But wee have found trouble enough hereabouts, Severall Strange Indians having been frequently Seen sculking both here & Appomatox anytime these 3 weeks, they have shot Severall Cattell & Hogs, I have had the County troop up twice, but cannot meet wth them, the people are much terrified & the Story's broached to y^e Northward of y^e french joineing wth y^e Indians doe much augment y^e fears. I shall doe much indeavour to Secure the inhabitants, & w^t in will lyes preserve the peace of y^e Country, though Sev^rall unhappy Accidents doe now occur to disturbe itt.

Some Indian Servants being lately ran away from their Masters met two Taskeroodas (a great Nation to y^e Southward) & have killed one of them. Hee that Slew him I have caused to bee Secured. The Taskeroodas have sent to demand Satisfactione. I have appointed to meet them y^e 13th instant, when I expect y^e great men of the Towne & the relations of y^e Slain man, in y^e meentime I have given m^r President notice, & expect his directions, though I must confesse I know no way but to make satisfaction by paying for y^e Slain man; otherwise they will Scarce brooke a delay, but take itt, w^{ch} might Sett y^e whole Country in a flame. I humbly propose to yo^r Excellency (what I once before offer'd at) that by Instruction out of England, his Majesty would oblige the Government of N Yorke, to use their utmost indeavours to keep the five Nations from rambling this way, if their interest wth them now continues so great as formerly I am Sure its in their power; & nothing could conduce moore to his Majesty's Service here & y^e Peace of this Country, then y^e diverting those Indians from given any disturbance to our frontier Plantation & Neighbouring Indians. Wee wth some impatience expect to hear

of yo^r Exlncy's Safe arriveall in England, where I hope yo^r
L^hship found all things to Satisfactione. I shall not give
Yo^r L^dship any farther trouble but humbly beg pardon for &
a continuance of yo^r favours

I remain

My L^d

Yo^r Excellencys most Oblidged
& Humbly devoted Serv^t

To my L^d Effingham

W B

TO PERRY & LANE

Virg'a May y^e 1st 1689

Gen^t

&c'a

A Copy of one Sent p Zachary Tailor Trde Copy
June y^e 20th 1689

Gen^t

The above is onely a Copy of what Sent by last fleet, Since
w^{ch} I wrote to you by Tanner, & Sent upward of 100 H^d
Tob'o & 5 of skins & thereby I acquainted you that I had
charged £80.10 on you payable to y^e Blandes, w^{ch} I would
have placed to my pticular Acco^t as also £27;7;9 charged
this day to m^r Thomas Walke, I formerly charged £30 to
Will Edwards w^{ch} charge to y^e Audito^rs Acco^t. This ship I
did expect would have Staid till y^e Audit, but am this day
told shee will Sail next weeke, therefore I have inclosed Sent
you what 2^d bills of Ex^{ch} I had by mee, excepting four or five
whereof I had no thirds, they are m^ked in y^e Margent of the
inclosed List.

Inclosed is an Invoice of 6 H^d of ffurres & skins on board this
ship, Cap^t Jones promised to take my bills of Ladeing & inclose
one to you. Inclosed is a Small note wherein is an Acco^t
of Some things Sent for by Tanner, & also Some addiotionall
things now. God send all well to you. I beg pardon for hast
being to Send this letter downe immediately.

I am

Gen^t

Yo^r Humble Serv^t

To P. & L. ~~30~~ Rider

Additional things Sent for herewth

18 Indian Guns 4 foot p y^e S^d to bee 2s cheaper

2 gs of Jews Harps

2 gs Tob'o Tongs

3 or 4 gs Scissors ab^t 2^d p do'n at most

1 gs Tin Shews

W B

TO PERRY & LANE

Virg'a July y^e 25th 1689

Gen^t

I wrote to you ab^t 10 days Since from James Towne by Rider, by whom I sent you 6 H^d^s ffurres & skins, I inclose then to you 1st bills of Ex^{ed} for £11;8s;0d money all w^{ch} I wish Safe to your Hands, this p Hogben Serves to inclose y^e 2^d bills, onely Some few of w^{ch} I have no thirds w^{ch} are marked in y^e margent of the List.

I also then inclose to yo'u a letter to m^r Blathwait & one to m^r Povey w^{ch} I desire (if they kept their Stations) for you to deliver them as allso to pay each of you £100 St'g & charge y^e Same to y^e Audito^r besides £100 I desire you to pay m^r Povey on my private Acco^t I then Sent one inclosed to you for my L^d Effingham, w^{ch} I hope you have delivered, I fear his L^dship may bee angry because I have not order'd him any money, but its not my fault m^r President refusing to give mee a Warrant for it, till wee might hear of his L^dships Safe arriveall & continuance in y^e Government, if hee doth, I hope you'l indeav^r to excuse itt, & assure him his money is Safe & ready, for to Speake freely I know not how m^r President could give mee a Warrant or I pay y^e mony Safely till wee have farther intelligence; Wee are much in the Darke haveing received no certain advice Since Burrells, w^{ch} hath kept mee from hastning my Acco^t^s home, for I scarce know how or to whom to direct them.

I have put 10 H^d^s ffures & skins on board Burrell, they are good in their kind, I desire you (as I did formerly) to insure them if times are dangerous, Hee may Saile (as I am told)

about a moneth hence, before wth I hope wee shall receive Some certain news out of England, & then I shall bee more large to you In y^e meantime please to give my blessing to my Child'n best respects & Service to all where due I take Leave

Gen^t

Your most Humble Serv^t

W B

Please to Send mee Some Ratsbane for they doe mee infinite mischief in all my Stores, & allso 20l brimstone 12 qts 2 of Hung'y Water allso Bookes The Turkish Spy, all but y^e 1st Volume, & y^e 2^d part of Burnets Theory of y^e Earth

W B

To Mess^{rs} Perry & Lane p Hogben

If you have an opportunity I desire you to Send mee 20n flat tile more wth ridgeing tile proportionable.

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